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VENEZUELA.

Smallpox at Puerto Cabello—(Continued).

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Puerto Cabello, April 28, 1898.

SIR: I beg to report that within the past six days, smallpox cases have increased to an alarming extent. There are 45 cases under treatment at present, while 15 deaths have occurred since March 23.

My dispatch No. 49 of April 18 indicated an abatement of the disease, but a few days subsequently it seemed to gather new vigor, notwithstanding the fact that the authorities built a smallpox hospital and isolated all cases, in addition to thoroughly disinfecting the city, among other methods adopted being the burning of tar, night and day, throughout the town.

Strict quarantine of eighteen days is still enforced and no vessel is permitted to leave here within that time for any part of the coast of Venezuela.

I trust I can soon report an improvement.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, SAMUEL PROSKAUER.

United States Consul.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*Sydney*.—Month of March, 1898. Estimated population, 410,300. Total deaths, 436, including enteric fever, 9; scarlet fever, 5, and diphtheria, 7.

BAHAMAS—*Dunmore Town*.—Two weeks ended May 6, 1898. Estimated population, 1,472. One death. No death from contagious disease.

Governors Harbor.—Two weeks ended May 7, 1898. Estimated population, 1,500. No deaths.

Green Turtle Cay—Abaco.—Two weeks ended May 5, 1898. Estimated population, 3,900. No deaths.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended May 14 correspond to an annual rate of 16.6 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,218,378. The highest rate was recorded in Liverpool, viz, 22.6, and the lowest in Brighton, viz, 10.2.

London.—One thousand three hundred and fifty-six deaths were registered during the week, including measles, 76; scarlet fever, 11; diphtheria, 20; whooping cough, 48; enteric fever, 7, and diarrhea and dysentery, 18. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 15.7 a thousand. In greater London 1,713 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 13.9 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 13 from measles, 10 from diphtheria, 2 from scarlet fever, and 13 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended May 14 in the 23 principal town